

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-15 are pending in the present application. Claims 3-6 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to non-elected claims. Claims 1, 3, 6, 12, and 14 have been amended. Claims 1, 12, and 14 are independent claims.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the outstanding rejection in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Status of Claims

Applicants note that the Disposition of Claims section of the Office Action Summary incorrectly lists claims 1 and 7-15 as the only pending claims. Claims 3-6 have **not** been canceled by Applicants. Thus, although claims 3-6 may be withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as being directed to non-elected claims, these claims are still pending in the present application.

Furthermore, Applicants point out that independent claim 1 is generic to all groups of invention identified by the Examiner in the requirement for restriction issued of June 13, 2006. Accordingly, upon indication that claim 1 is allowed, Applicants reserve the right to have non-elected claims 3-6 rejoined and the restriction requirement withdrawn. See MPEP § 821.04.

Acknowledgment of Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner has acknowledged the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 24, 2005. An initialed copy of the SB08 has been received from the Examiner. No further action is necessary at this time.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 7-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,818,935 to Maa (hereafter "Maa"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Initially, Applicants respectfully refer the Examiner to MPEP § 2131, which states the following:

“A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.” *Verdegaal Bros. V. Union Oil Co. Of California*, 814 F2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). “The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claims.” *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F2d 1226, 1236, 9 USQP2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

It is respectfully submitted that Maa does not set forth each and every element as defined in the claims.

In the Amendment filed December 30, 2006 (hereafter “previous Amendment”), Applicants argued that Maa failed to disclose preventing normal outputting of the contents if the release information does not have a matching correlation with the limiting information¹.

In response, the Examiner argues that Maa’s Internet information pointers can be interpreted as the claimed limitation information.² The Examiner also relies on Maa’s decryption key for the claimed release information.³ Furthermore, it is apparent that the Examiner interprets Maa to have a matching correlation between the release information (decryption key) and limitation information (Internet information pointer) simply because the decryption key was purchased from the website identified by the Internet information pointer.⁴

¹ As the Examiner astutely observed in section b. of the Response to Arguments, the previous Amendment included a typographical error in page 7, “the claims...recite...prevent[ing] normal outputting of the contents if release information does not have a matching correlation with the release information.” Page 7 should have stated the claimed invention prevents normal outputting when the release information does not have a matching correlation with the *limitation* information. Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out this error.

² See Office Action at page 2 (section a); page 4 (first full paragraph).

³ See *Id.* at page 3 (last paragraph) – page 4 (first full paragraph).

⁴ See *Id.* at page 3 (first paragraph).

Without conceding the validity of the Examiner's broad interpretation of Maa, the claims have been amended to more clearly define the predetermined matching correlation. Particularly, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite making a judgment as to whether or not the release information **matches** the limitation information, and preventing normal outputting of at least part of the contents if a **match** is not detected. Similarly, independent claims 12 and 14 have been amended to recite preventing normal outputting of the contents until the receiver detects a **match** between the release information and the limitation information.

There is no teaching or suggestion in Maa of comparing the decryption key to the Internet information pointer to detect whether they match. Maa merely utilizes the Internet information point to access the website for purchasing the decryption key. Thus, even under the Examiner's broad interpretation, Maa does **not** disclose a receiver that prevents normal outputting of contents until it detects that the release information matches the limitation information, as required by the claims.

At least for the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 12, and 14 are allowable. Accordingly, claims 7-11, 13, and 15 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on claims 1, 12, and 14. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Entry of this Amendment After Final is respectfully requested in that the claim amendments do not substantively raise any new issues to be considered by the Examiner. Particularly, Applicants respectfully submit that the previously claimed "predetermined matching correlation" would most commonly be interpreted as a match between two elements. Thus, Applicants do not believe the claim amendments introduce any new meaning, which has not previously been considered by the Examiner.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the outstanding rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance in the present application.

However, should the Examiner believe that any outstanding matters remain in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Jason W. Rhodes (Reg. No. 47,305) at the telephone number of the undersigned to discuss the present application in an effort to expedite prosecution.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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